



The CityScene

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Fire Prevention Week observed at Fire Stations

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5 through 11, will be observed with open houses Oct. 5th from 2 until 4 p.m. in each of the city's fire stations. Refreshments will be served and hand out materials promoting the National Theme for Fire Prevention Week, *When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!*, will be on hand. Questions may be directed to Murfreesboro's Fire Marshal Ken Honeycutt.



"In the end, what affects your life most deeply are things too simple to talk about."

Nell Blaine, Artist

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Thank you!

I want to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for your calls, cards and letters, and especially your prayers during my recent recovery. With good care and a little change in lifestyle, I am now feeling great and glad to be back at work. Thank you so much for your concern.

Roger Haley

Haley and Worley named HeartWalk Redcap Honorees

by Patsy Smith, Administration

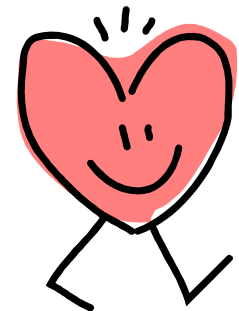
Murfreesboro City Manager Roger Haley and city schools employee Martha Worley have been selected by the Rutherford County American Heart Association as Redcap Honorees for the American HeartWalk, scheduled Oct. 26.

The HeartWalk will begin at 1 p.m. on the intramural field on the MTSU campus and last for approximately one hour and a half, according to an official.

The event celebrates and honors survivors of heart attack, heart surgery and stroke. Survivors are given special red caps to wear at the event to show the prevalence of heart disease and stroke in the community.

Let's show support for these two Redcap Honorees and all the city's heart disease survivors by having the biggest ever "Heart to Heart" team. Call the following Company/Team Leaders to sign up or obtain additional information:

- ♥ City Hall - Melanie Carter - 893-5210, Patsy Smith - 849-2629
- ♥ City Schools - Peggy Seneca - 893-2313
- ♥ Fire Department - Libby Haynes - 893-1422
- ♥ Patterson Center - Pam Perkins & Tiffany Clutter - 893-7439
- ♥ Police Department - Jim Davis - 849-2637
- ♥ Water & Sewer Department - Todd Adams - 893-1223, Michelle Pinkston - 893-0862



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Channel 3 wins National Awards

by Alan Bozeman, Cable Television Coordinator

Cable Channel 3 producers David Holt, Steve Burris and Marcus Delaney won national awards when the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) met recently in Denver, Colorado.

Video production specialists Burris and Delaney won first and second place awards for *Don't Get Burned by Christmas*, and *Static + Fuel = Danger* respectively and both in the public safety category. Delaney also won honorable mention in the *Public Education* category for the same program.

Part-time video journalist David Holt won third place in promotional campaigns for his *Solid Waste Awareness Campaign*.

Cable Channel 3 also won honorable mention in the comprehensive *Excellence in Government Programming* category.

NATOA recognizes excellence in broadcast, cable, multimedia and electronic programming developed by municipal agencies through its annual Government Programming Awards.

Sept. 12 marked the 18th year for this gala, which coincided with NATOA's annual conference, also in Denver.

Categories covered a variety of programming including, among others, community events, documentary, public affairs and public service, interview/talk



Three of Murfreesboro's cable television producers won national awards during a recent competition in Denver, Col. Pictured from left are David Holt, Steve Burris and Marcus Delaney.

show, performing arts, sports, election coverage and children's issues. There were over 1,000 entries for this year's competition.

In other news, Cable Channel 3 won honorable mention for its Magazine Show *In The City* during the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) Hometown Video Awards Celebration held recently in Tacoma, Wash. Burris produces the award-winning show.

Over 1,500 entries were received for the ACM competition that involved public, educational and government access channels across the country.

Senior Center named Recipient of \$2,140 Entertainment Grant

by Brenda Kiskis-Elliott, St. Clair Street Senior Center

A \$2,140 Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee grant has been awarded to St. Clair Street Senior Center to provide folk music, Appalachian style music and humorous narrative stories.

The award was announced recently by Adult Day Services Director Tina O'Brien and it is coincidental with the nationwide Celebration of Adult Day Services Week (Sept. 21 - 27).

The program will use the funds to provide 12 performances by the musical duo Gordon Adams and Dean Wolfe and six additional performances for all

senior center participants, O'Brien said.

A portion of the grant will be used to buy electronic equipment, including two head-set microphones, for local artists *The Soggy Boro Band*, O'Brien continued. Gordon Adams and Dean Wolfe have often provided center participants with free music and narrative storytelling.

Funding was made possible through a partial grant from the Chet Atkins Fund for Music Education and the Hunter Arrninstead Fund to Inspire Joy and Laughter. Nina Sivek of Kraft Bros. CPAs of Nashville also participated.

St. Clair Street Senior Center was selected for funding from among 297 applications submitted.

The grant was formally presented Sept. 23 in the center.

Jones Retires after 47 Years in Law Enforcement

by Chris Shofner, Murfreesboro Public Information Officer

After two full careers spanning 47 years in law enforcement, including the last 16 as Murfreesboro's police commissioner, Bill Jones has called it quits.

He retired at the end of August to begin a new life – a life of travel to see his daughter on Manhattan Beach in California, a life of gardening and taking care of the eight acres he maintains in Murfreesboro and a life of enjoying the boat he and his son operate on “the lake” as he says.

But is that enough to occupy a life that was always so busy as a professional law enforcement officer?

He says he thinks so – he thinks he can now “go home and work in the yard, in the garden, mow the yard and go to the lake,” he said.

He also plans to travel with his wife Betty.



Jones arrived on the local scene in 1957, he said, when he joined the Tennessee Highway Patrol as a trooper based in Murfreesboro. From the beginning of his career, he said he wanted to be successful.

“I hope that I helped the profession,” he said. “and contributed to a more professional police department and highway patrol ...”

Among the changes he oversaw, he said, were procuring more cars for the city's officers – especially the detective division – creating a new emphasis on education and training, the creation of community policing practices in previously crime-ridden parts of town, creation of the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program and in general promoting more honesty, integrity and morality in the department's ranks.











In fact, 37 new programs have been started since he took over, Jones said.

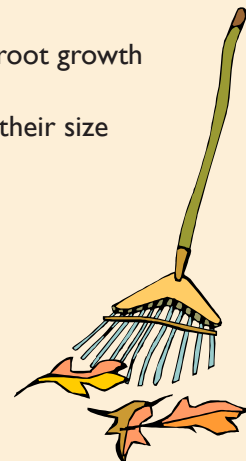
Former Murfreesboro Deputy Police Chief Glenn Chrisman was sworn in as the city's new chief Sept. 9 in ceremonies in the city hall rotunda.

Fall Gardening Checklist

By Cynthia M. Holloway, Urban Environmental

Fall is the perfect planting season for trees and shrubs giving plants two seasons of root growth before next summer's heat.

-  Divide large clumps of spring and summer blooming perennial plants to control their size and renew blooming. Share leftover plants with friends.
-  Plant spring flowering bulbs starting in October until the ground is frozen.
-  Plant Pansies, Kale, flowering cabbages and ornamental grasses for fall color.
-  Mulch the crown of roses after cutting back to ground level.
-  Clean up fallen plant debris to reduce over-wintering diseases and insects.
-  Cut back dead foliage on your perennials after a hard frost. Leave ornamental grasses and unusual seed heads for winter interest.
-  Perennials with woody stems such as butterfly bush and lavender should not be cut back until spring.
-  Give your houseplants that were moved outside for the summer a shower to remove insects. Gradually reduce light and move back indoors before night temperatures drop below 50 degrees.
-  Fertilize your lawn in September and again in November.
-  Clean garden tools for winter storage. Sharpen lawn mower blades and pruners or take them to a professional in anticipation of next springs gardening chores.



Welcome!

New full-time employees hired since April 2003

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Kathryn M. Mayberry	Building
Sharon K. Qualls	Building
Davey L. Ferrell	Fire
David A. Bricker	Fire
Hoyte E. Hale	Fire
James D. White	Fire
Jason E. Williams	Fire
J. Ray Robinson	Fire
Kenneth C. McFarland	Fire
Kyle L. Winnett	Fire
Mitchell E. Whittenburg	Fire
Daniel D. Bauer	Fleet
Stephanie Maxwell	Legal
Christine M. McFarlane	Personnel
John A. Nelson	Planning
Jack Daniel Manus	Recreation
Kathi Arnold-Mize	Recreation
Lacey L. Smith	Recreation
Pamela D. Perkins	Recreation
Patricia A. Jones	Recreation
Raymond Hillis	Recreation
Allison B. Davidson	Senior Center
Joseph J. Nelson	Solid Waste
Leonard M. Gibbs	Solid Waste
Michael Gleaves	Solid Waste
Michael J. Askew	Solid Waste
Robert W. Dunaway	Solid Waste
Terrance Miller	Solid Waste
Eric E. Summers	Street
Robert J. Hyatt	Street
Ronnie Johnson	Street
Tamara Myers	Street
Jeremy R. Wilson	Urban Environmental
Michael G. Thieme	Urban Environmental

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Alan Bozeman	Cable Television Department
Bonnie Stem	Building & Codes
Brenda Kiskis Elliott	St. Clair Senior Center
Chris Shofner	Public Information Officer
Clyde Adkison	Murfreesboro Police Department
Jeni Townzen	Parks & Recreation – Sports*Com
Karen Carr	Water & Sewer Department
Lanny Goodwin	Parks & Recreation Department
Laurie Alsup	Murfreesboro Fire Department
Patsy Smith	Administration
Patty Pope	Community Development
Robert Lewis	Planning Department
Sue Mahon	Personnel Department

Bag a Bargain 50 Tickets Available



The 2003 United Way Agency Holiday Benefit Sale is scheduled for Nov. 8 from 6 until 10 p.m. at all Hecht's locations.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Tickets are good at all five area Hecht's locations. The store will offer discounts on merchandise, excluding cosmetics, just in time for holiday shopping.

St. Clair Street center has 50 tickets for sale, a center spokesperson said, and for every ticket sold, the center will receive \$4 of the \$5 price.

Birth Announcements

Eric and Lisa Love (Fleet Services)

Girl: Pamela Anne-Marie Love, born August 1, 2003 at 10:02 a.m., weighing 7'13oz and was 20 inches long.

David and Jennifer Cranford (Fire)

Boy: Jonathan Van Cranford, born Aug. 27, 2003 at 1:30 a.m., weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Doug and Tracey Demosi

(Planning and Building & Codes)

Girl: Annalise Nichole Demosi, born September 17, 2003 at 3:32 p.m., weight 8 lbs. 4 oz., length 20 inches.

Chili Recipe

This is a recipe from the City Cooks! cookbook. It was submitted by Sue Mahon of the Personnel Department.

- 2 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 ½ lb. "extra" lean ground chuck
- 1 med. onion
- 2 stalks celery, chopped fine

Place above ingredients in heavy skillet and cook until brown. Drain off excess fat. After excess fat is removed, add 1 ¼ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. black pepper, 1 tsp. sugar, 3 tsps. chili powder (or additional seasoning later to taste) ½ tsp. red pepper. Stir well and set aside. In large crock pot, add:

- 1-16oz. can lt. red kidney beans
- 3-16oz. cans Bush chili "hot" beans
- 1-28oz. Hunts whole tomatoes, (chopped with juice)
- 1-15oz. can Hunts tomato sauce
- 2 tbsp. brown sugar

Add ground beef mixture. Cook or simmer several hours. Add extra seasoning to taste.

If you would like your favorite recipe published in the employee newsletter, submit it to Chris Shofner or anyone on the Public Information Committee. One will be printed in each edition.